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"I see no other solution than this dignified end to my life, so I don't find myself fishing through garbage cans for my sustenance."

— RETIRED CHEMIST DIMITRIS CHRISTOULAS, 77, WHO SHOT HIMSELF IN ATHENS' CENTRAL SQUARE APRIL 4.

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Other Countries Working to Develop F-Bomb Technology

The term “F-bomb” surfaced in newspapers more than 20 years ago but landed Tuesday for the first time in Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary. The word took off in the late ’90s after coach Bobby Knight went heavy on the F-bombs during a locker-room tirade. It saw another spike after Dick Cheney dropped an F-bomb in the Senate in 2004, and again in 2010, when Vice President Biden did the same thing in the same place. (AP)

“Clowning is an art ... You can’t just pull on a wig and slap a watermelon smile on and ‘poof!’ you’re a clown.”

— **PROFESSIONAL CLOWN JULIE VARHOLDT**, SPEAKING LAST WEEK AT THE CALIFORNIA CLOWN CAMPIN’ EVENT ABOUT HOW HALF-RATE COMPETITION IS CUTTING INTO HER BUSINESS

ROAD HAZARDS

No Mention of Accidents Caused by Sign Spinners

Drivers in Britain cause nearly 1 million automobile accidents each year because they’re ogling men and women who wear less clothing, a new study shows. Insurance company Direct Line said those distracted motorists cause about 921,840 crashes per year, the Telegraph reported Tuesday. Seventeen percent of male drivers said they “could not help but look” while driving. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture



THIS PORK LOIN IS ALL POLYESTER FILLER: Vegetarian Silvia Wald arranges a cloth ham on the sales counter of her shop “Aufschnitt” (German for cold cuts) in Berlin, Germany, on Tuesday. An engineer in clothing technology, Wald started designing meat products made from cotton stretch velvet, lycra, wool or micro fiber with a realistic look in 2009.

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GOP Slams Biden Over Remark

Vice president says Romney will 'put y'all back in chains'

Danville, Va.

Vice President Biden told voters in southern Virginia on Tuesday that Republican Mitt Romney wanted to put them "back in chains," sparking outrage from the GOP campaign.

Addressing a crowd that included hundreds of black people, Biden said Romney wants to get rid of new Wall Street regulations President Obama signed into law after the 2008 financial collapse.

"Unchain Wall Street," Biden said. "They're going to put y'all back in chains."

Romney's campaign said the comments marked a "new low" for the Obama campaign.

"The comments made by the vice president of the United States are not acceptable in our political discourse and demonstrate yet again that the Obama campaign will say and do anything to win this election," said Andrea Saul, Romney's spokeswoman.



Vice President Biden greets supporters Monday during a rally in Durham, N.C. His comments Tuesday underscored his penchant for at times speaking off the cuff.



Meanwhile ...

Mitt Romney's campaign is blocking reporters from covering Paul Ryan's first meeting with donors in Las Vegas. Tuesday night's event at The Venetian was expected to draw casino owner and mega-donor Sheldon Adelson. The decision to block access marks an apparent break from rules previously established by Romney's campaign. Reporters usually are allowed to cover President Obama's fundraisers held in public venues. (AP)

Obama's campaign stood by Biden, saying the comments were a variation on remarks he makes often about the need to "unshackle" the middle class. The campaign said the metaphor was meant to counter Republican calls to unshackle the private sector from Obama-backed regulations.

Obama deputy campaign manager Stephanie Cutter called the Romney campaign's outrage "hypocritical."

Biden, speaking later in Wytheville, Va., says he had meant to use the term "unshackled."

The flurry over Biden's remarks underscored what the Obama team knows is a constant risk — that the vice president's penchant for speaking off the cuff can sometimes result in off-color comments.

Still, Obama's campaign sees Biden as one of its most valuable assets. The Scranton, Pa., native has a more natural appeal to working-class voters in such battleground states as Ohio and Pennsylvania. He also has embraced the traditional vice presidential attack dog role, often launching vigorous criticisms of Romney, and now Paul Ryan.

MATTHEW DALY (AP)

In Brief

DOVER, DEL.

Doctor Waterboarded Stepdaughter, Police Say



Morse

Police say a Delaware pediatrician who researched near-death experiences may have experimented on his stepdaughter, 11, by waterboarding her, according to documents

obtained Tuesday. Dr. Melvin Morse faces a preliminary hearing Thursday. (AP)

PATERSON, N.J.

Woman Found Locked In Room Denies Abuse

A woman found behind a padlocked door in a New Jersey apartment said the man accused of holding her for years never abused her and she doesn't like to go outside. She said Tuesday that she asked Michael Mendez, 42, to lock her up. Mendez pleaded not guilty to kidnapping, false imprisonment and drug charges. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO

Refinery Still Dangerous

Federal and state investigators are trying to determine how to enter a Chevron Corp. refinery where a fire broke out last week so they can examine a failed pipe, which the company did not replace nearly a year ago after an inspection. Engineers determined the site was too hazardous to enter Monday. (AP)

1.7M The number of illegal immigrants who could be eligible for the Department of Homeland Security's new Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which aims to help illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children avoid deportation and receive work permits. People could begin downloading the application Tuesday. (AP)



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Retail Spending Rises

Report offers hope that economy could rebound this year

Washington

Americans increased their retail spending in July by the most in five months, opening their wallets after a frugal spring and offering hope that the slumping economy may rebound in the second half of the year.

Retail spending rose in every major category, including electronics, sporting goods, furniture, building supplies and garden equipment. The report from the government followed one earlier this month that showed hiring strengthened in July.

Overall retail sales rose 0.8 percent from June to July, the Commerce Department said. It was

More Confidence

Americans appear to be taking their cues from the economy's modest but steady improvements. Employers added 163,000 jobs in July, the best month for job growth since February. Home prices are up. The value of U.S. exports reached a record high last month. U.S. consumers are expressing more confidence. And stock indexes are near their highs for the year. The overall economy remains subpar, though. Unemployment is high at 8.3 percent. Consumer spending on goods and services, which drives roughly 70 percent of growth, grew by only 1.5 percent in the April-June quarter, the weakest pace in a year. (AP)

the sharpest increase since February, and it followed three months of declines.

The stepped-up spending was evident in a flurry of retail earnings reports for the second quarter, which ended July 31.

Home Depot, the nation's largest home improvement retailer, said healthy sales of paint, bathroom accessories and kitchen installations helped lift its net income 12 percent.

Macy's raised its annual earnings guidance last week after reporting a 16 percent increase in net income in the second quarter. Macy's executives specifically cited a pickup in their teen clothing business, which had been weak.

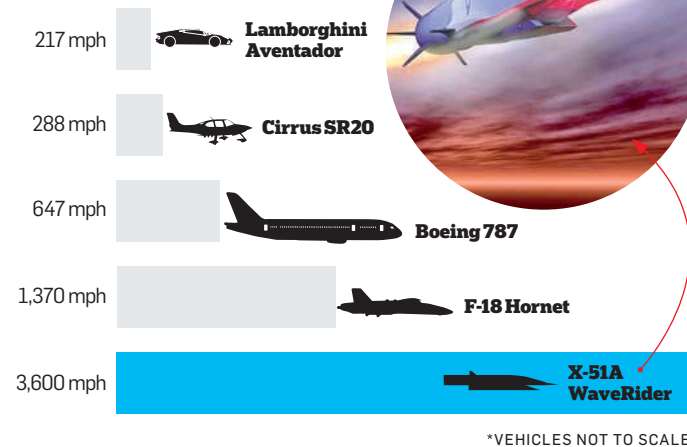
"People are spending a little more and feeling a little better about the economy," said James Donnelly, a sales associate at Boston-based Tadpole, a children's boutique. ANNE D'INNOCENZIO (AP)

Science

Faster Than Ever?

Imagine going from New York to London in less than an hour. The X-51A WaveRider, the military's latest attempt at hypersonic flight, may bring the U.S. closer to realizing that goal. Tuesday, the Air Force confirmed it tested the experimental aircraft expected to fly at six times the speed of sound at (undisclosed) altitude. Engineers hope it sustains its top speed for 300 seconds, twice as long as it's gone before. No status of the flight was given.

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Heart Disease, Blood Type Linked

Dallas

Here's another reason to know your blood type — it might be a clue to your risk of heart disease.

People who have blood types A, B or AB have a slightly higher risk of heart disease compared with those with type O, the most common kind, according to research released Tuesday.

Those who know they are at higher risk may be more motivated to make changes to lower their chances of heart disease, said Dr. Lu Qi, senior author of the study from Harvard School of Public Health in Boston.

Qi, who led a study released last year that showed blood type may affect stroke risk, said the new effort involved about 90,000 men and women in two observational health studies that cover more than 20 years. Combined, 4,070 people developed heart disease. The researchers considered

"We cannot change blood type but we can change lifestyle."

— DR. LU QI, SENIOR AUTHOR OF THE HEART DISEASE STUDY

age and other factors such as diet, drinking, family history of heart attacks that could contribute to heart disease.

The increased risk for type A was 8 percent; type B, 11 percent; and type AB, 20 percent.

Type O is the most common blood type, followed by A, B and AB. About 45 percent of white people, 51 percent of black people, 57 percent of Hispanics and 40 percent of Asians have blood type O, according to the American Red Cross.

The findings were published in the American Heart Association journal *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology*. (AP)

Bombings Kill 46 In Afghanistan

Attacks culminate in deadliest day for civilians this year

Kabul, Afghanistan

Suicide bombers launched multiple attacks in a remote corner of southwestern Afghanistan near the Iranian border Tuesday, killing dozens of people.

A separate market bombing, this one in northern Afghanistan, brought the overall death toll to 46. It was the deadliest day for Afghan civilians this year.

Tuesday's bombings took place in Zaranj, the provincial capital of Nimroz, where three men wearing suicide vests detonated their explosives in different neighborhoods, provincial police chief Musa Rasouli said. At least 25 civilians and 11 police were killed, he said.

Authorities said the casualties would have been far higher had they not learned of the plot. Police killed two would-be attackers Monday night and captured three more Tuesday morning. Three more militants attacked the governor's compound but were killed before they could detonate suicide vests.

Trend Reversal

The U.N. reported last week that civilian deaths in Afghanistan were lower in the first six months of 2012 than in the first half of 2011, but an onslaught of summer attacks from insurgents was threatening to reverse that trend. In all, 1,145 civilians were killed in Afghanistan between January and June of this year, according to the U.N. report. (AP)

Nimroz has seen an increase in violence recently. On Saturday, an Afghan police officer killed 11 fellow officers in a remote district.

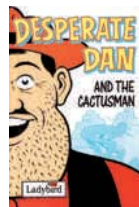
In Kunduz province, a motorcycle bomb near a bazaar in Archi district killed at least 10 people and wounded at least 25 others, police said.

There were no claims of responsibility, but the attacks on opposite ends of the country — Nimroz province in the southwest and Kunduz province in the north — came as Taliban insurgents and their allies step up attacks while international troops hand over security responsibility to Afghan forces. NATO plans to withdraw most of its troops by the end of 2014. (AP)

S. Korea Prepares to Celebrate Liberation



A WOMAN BASKS IN A GROVE OF TREES adorned with South Korean flags in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday, a day ahead of the country's celebrations marking its liberation from Japan's colonial rule in 1945.



No Laughing Matter

Britain's longest-running children's comic is facing closure after 75 years in print, the publisher of "The Dandy" said Tuesday. Circulation of the weekly comic, first published in 1937 and best-known for character Desperate Dan, dropped to less than 7,500 in the second half of last year. At its peak in 1950, it sold about 2 million copies. Scotland-based DC Thomson said it has yet to make a decision on the comic's future. (AP)

In Brief

OSLO, NORWAY

PM Pressured to Resign Over Report on Massacre



Stoltenberg Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg is facing pressure to resign after a report scolded public officials for failing to prevent or interrupt bomb and gun attacks that killed 77 people last year. One of Norway's largest newspapers, VG, on Tuesday urged him to step down, saying Stoltenberg bears the ultimate responsibility for the officials' failures. (AP)

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Ex-President on Trial For Bribery Charges

Argentine prosecutors put a former president on trial for bribery Tuesday, accusing Fernando de la Rúa of bribing senators for votes. Prosecutors must prove the \$5 million in payments were ordered by de la Rúa, who served from 1999 to December 2001. (AP)

JOS, NIGERIA

Officials: Floods Kill 33

Authorities on Tuesday said flooding in central Nigeria has killed at least 33 people and displaced thousands. Nigerian Red Cross officials said more than 10,000 people lost their homes. (AP)

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World

Kidnappings Show Shift in Syria

Opposition strives to undercut Assad as country destabilizes

Amman, Jordan

With gunmen standing in the background, a Syrian rebel video purported Tuesday to show their latest captive: a lone Lebanese Shiite suspected of links to pro-regime Hezbollah whose abduction appears part of a wider strategy shift to target perceived backers of President Bashar Assad.

A series of hostage-takings aimed at Assad's few remaining supporters — Iranians and Lebanese Shiites — has sought to send a message about the rebels' reach and try to buff their image with such seeming propaganda stunts as captives praising their treatment and denouncing Assad's regime.

It also underscores the broader regional rifts exposed by Syria's civil war. Sunni powers such



"The regime is on the verge of collapse morally and economically, in addition to cracks in the military."

— **RIAD HIJAB**, THE FORMER SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER WHO DEFECTED LAST WEEK, SPEAKING TUESDAY. HE ALSO URGED THE SYRIAN ARMY TO "FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF EGYPT'S AND TUNISIA'S ARMIES — TAKE THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLE."

Meanwhile ...

At least 45 people, including 29 civilians, were killed Tuesday throughout Syria, the U.K.-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Tuesday. In Geneva, the U.N. said its humanitarian chief, Valerie Amos, has begun talks in Syria on a mission to boost international aid inside the country. (AP)

as Turkey and Saudi Arabia are strongly with the rebels, and Shiite giant Iran and its proxy Hezbollah in Lebanon are standing

by Assad.

The abductions suggest the Syrian conflict is taking on increasing sectarian overtones as the country lurches deeper into crisis. The U.N. says an estimated 2.5 million Syrians have been injured, displaced or face problems securing necessities, a sharp rise from about 1 million three months ago.

"There is an ongoing humanitarian crisis," said the U.N. humanitarian chief Valerie Amos after meetings in Damascus to try to open routes for more international aid into Syria. "It is important that the fighting stops." (AP)

Iran Willing to Accept Quake Aid

Tehran, Iran

In a change of heart, Iran said Tuesday it now welcomes foreign aid for victims of the deadly back-to-back earthquakes that hit the country's northwest over the weekend.

"We would welcome help by any country," said Iran's parliament speaker, Ali Larijani, during his visit to the earthquake-stricken area Tuesday.

The remarks indicated authorities were struggling to cope with the quakes' aftermath. Critics charged they failed to react quickly enough to help the region along the borders with Azerbaijan and Armenia, where the 6.4-

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The magnitude of the aftershock that rattled the earthquake-devastated Iranian town of Varzaqan on Tuesday. No casualties were reported. (AP)

and 6.3-magnitude quakes Saturday killed 306 people and injured more than 3,000.

The weekend quakes hit the towns of Ahar, Haris and Varzaqan in the Iranian province of East Azerbaijan. At least 12 villages were destroyed, and 425 others sustained severe damage, state TV and news agencies reported. (AP)

Hearsay

"The police in Amiens really, really, really hate the people in the northern part of Amiens. They consider us to be animals."

— **SABRINA HADJI**, 22, ACCUSING THE POLICE IN AMIENS, FRANCE, OF PROVOKING THE RIOTS THAT ERUPTED THERE TUESDAY PITTING DOZENS OF YOUTHS AGAINST RIOT OFFICERS IN A NIGHT OF VIOLENCE. AT LEAST 17 OFFICERS WERE INJURED AND A PRESCHOOL SET ON FIRE.

6 The number of days a German hiker on Tuesday claimed to have survived inside a crevasse in the Austrian Alps before he was rescued. Police said the 70-year-old man was pulled from a 66-feet hole in a glacier after other hikers heard him calling for help. Officials said it was unclear whether he had really spent almost a week in the crevasse but confirmed he had indeed set out on his tour six days earlier. (AP)

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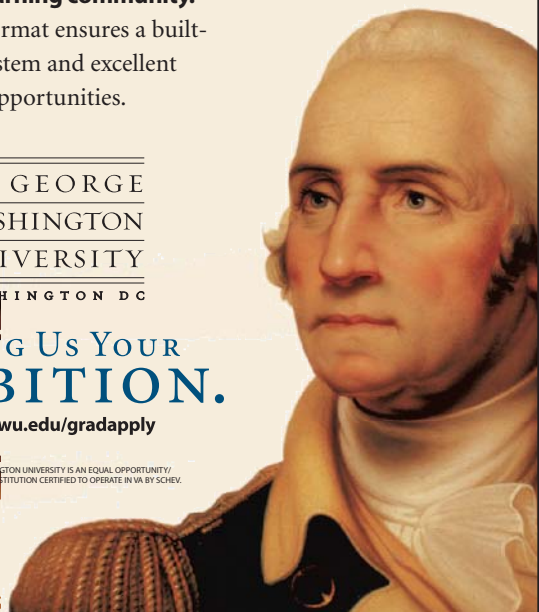
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Judge Denies Move to Fill Seat

Va. spot on Airports Authority board will remain vacant

Fairfax

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell's attempt to unseat labor leader Dennis Martire from the board of Washington's airports authority failed Monday when a Fairfax County judge denied the state's request to allow Martire's replacement to fill his seat.

McDonnell, a Republican, removed Martire from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority board in mid-June after Martire had been publicly criticized for overseas travel expenses, including the purchase of a \$9,000 plane ticket to Prague so he could attend a transportation conference.

McDonnell appointed Caren Merrick, a McLean businesswoman and unsuccessful Republican legislative candidate, to replace him. But Martire immediately filed suit in federal court in the District to keep his seat, claiming that McDonnell's action was unwarranted, unprecedented and unlawful.

At Monday's hearing in Fairfax County Circuit Court, McDonnell's attorneys asked that Merrick be allowed to hold Martire's seat while questions regarding the legality of his removal are resolved in both federal and state courts. Without Merrick on the board, Virginia's attorneys argued, the state would lose full voting power. The authority is overseeing construction of the \$6 billion Metrorail Silver Line to Dulles International Airport.

"The voice and the vote of the Commonwealth is diminished until Ms. Merrick is seated," Vir-



Backstory

Before his removal, Dennis Martire had clashed with Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, above, over whether the Dulles rail project should include a "project labor agreement," or PLA, in the second phase of Silver Line construction. A PLA would have required that many workers be hired at union hiring halls. Martire ultimately joined 10 of 11 other board members in voting to drop the PLA after McDonnell threatened to withdraw his support for the Silver Line if it remained in place. (TWP)

ginia counsel Jonathan Benner told the court.

But Judge David S. Schell denied the state's request, leaving Martire's seat vacant.

Martire's lawyers argued that Merrick could not be allowed to take a seat on the board because Martire's seat is not vacant. Monday's hearing in state court, initiated by the authority, was intended to identify the best procedure for addressing the dispute between Martire and McDonnell.

Because the airports authority spans Virginia, Maryland and the District, Martire's lawyers argued, McDonnell's relationship to the airports authority should be dictated by federal law. Virginia's lawyers countered that McDonnell's powers, including the governor's influence over the authority, are clearly defined in the state's laws.

TED TRAUTMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

LaHood Asserts: Reform Airports Authority Now

Washington

The nation's top transportation officials said Tuesday that the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority must immediately undertake a series of reforms, including terminating contracts and jobs given to former board members, to restore public trust in its operations.

"We are outraged by ongoing reports describing questionable dealings, including the award of numerous lucrative no-bid contracts to former Board members and employees and the employment of former Board members," said the letter from Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, which was also signed by the governors of Virginia and Maryland and the mayor of D.C. MWAA officials had no immediate comment. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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In Brief

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

Ex-UVa. Lacrosse Player
To Be Sentenced Aug. 30

Huguely

The sentencing of a former University of Virginia lacrosse player convicted of killing his ex-girlfriend will be held as scheduled later this month. Media outlets say a Charlottesville Circuit Court judge on Monday denied George Huguely's request to delay his Aug. 30 sentencing until after Oct. 1. The Chevy Chase, Md., man was convicted in February of second-degree murder in the 2010 death of Yeardley Love, a member of the women's lacrosse team. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Verizon: June Response
To Storm Was Insufficient

Verizon is acknowledging widespread failures in its 911 emergency backup systems during a June storm that hit the Washington region. A company report and Verizon officials say they didn't know the system was out in Fairfax County until the county alerted them. The report also admits problems with Arlington County's 911 system that the company had previously denied. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Aug. 14

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Evening DC 4 (Mon.) 2-0-4-0
Mid-day D.C. Five 4-5-0-9-4
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.) 6-8-1-4-1

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3 8-2-6
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 4-2-2
Mid-day Pick 4 5-6-9-9
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 5-1-2-6
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Virginia

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 2-7-4
Mid-day Pick 4 6-1-3-5
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 6-9-5-7
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More Roadwork on Conn. Ave NW

DDOT: Improvement
project should take
until April to finish

Washington

More roadwork begins this week on the stretch of Connecticut Avenue NW between Dupont Circle and Farragut Square.

The work is part of the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape project, which aims to enhance the public space along this portion of the avenue. The first section of the project involved construction of a raised median on Connecticut Avenue between K and L streets.

This median is maintained by the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District.

The second phase of the project will involve building a raised median between Jefferson Place and L Street NW. The new median will be 12 feet wide and is meant to provide safe space for pedestrians to pause while crossing this busy road.

In addition, the work will involve replacing the concrete sidewalk, planting trees, installing bicycle racks and resurfacing the roadway. There will also be new markings on the pavement and new traffic signs.

The D.C. Department of Trans-



BILL O'LEARY/TWP

The DDOT says work on Connecticut Avenue, above, will last into 2013.

portation says the work should take until April to complete. Construction will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

The new median will be 12 feet wide and is meant to provide safe space for pedestrians while crossing this busy road.

At some point, the work will affect street parking and traffic. DDOT says that at least one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction but urges drivers to keep an eye out for signs about lane closures. If lanes are closed, expect delays on Connecticut Avenue. MARK BERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Metro Probes Train Door Confusion

Bethesda

Metro is investigating a report of a door opening on a Red Line train during Tuesday morning's commute. It's still unclear, however, exactly what happened aboard the train bound for downtown Washington.

"We did have a report of a Red Line train experiencing a door issue," said Caroline Lukas, a spokeswoman for the transit agency.

A train heading from Medical Center to Bethesda stopped after an indicator showing that all doors were closed turned off. The train operator inspected the train but didn't find any issue with any of the doors, Lukas said.

A traveler tweeted at 8:25 a.m. that a train door opened in the tunnel. No customers, however, reported any door problems to the operator, Lukas said.

There were no other reports on Twitter of train doors opening,



SUSAN BIDDLE/FTWP

Riders squeeze on to a Red Line train at the Metro Center station in October 2010.

though one rider tweeted about a Red Line train off-loading following a door malfunction at Medical Center.

The train continued to Bethesda and was removed from service "out of an abundance of caution," Lukas said.

Earlier this year, doors opened

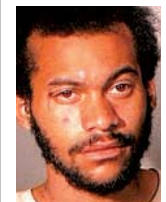
on two Red Line cars carrying travelers between stations. One commuter told The Washington Post that all three sets of doors opened and closed multiple times. Metro investigated the potentially deadly malfunction and found that an electrical short was to blame.

MARK BERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Whole Foods
Sex-Assault
Suspect Caught

Arlington

A D.C. man was arrested in connection with a sexual assault at a Clarendon Whole Foods, according to Arlington Police.



Bouknight

According to a police report, the incident happened Sunday at about 1:50 p.m. in the 2700 block of Wilson Blvd. when a woman bent down to pick up a bottle of wine and a man grabbed her between her legs and touched her. The police report said Frank Alex Bouknight, 24, then laughed and walked away.

Police said they found the suspect about four hours later sleeping on a bench. He had pornographic magazines with him, police said.

ALLISON KLEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

2,170

The number of Powerball tickets a minute that Virginia Lottery officials expect to sell at peak times Wednesday. The jackpot for Wednesday's drawing is about \$305 million. If someone's ticket matches all six numbers, they could either choose 30 annual payments or a cash option of about \$203.3 million before taxes. (AP)



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Cover Story



Dummies representing those who have committed suicide during the financial crisis hang from a bridge in Rome in a May protest of the government's austerity measures.

Recession Nears

Europe is edging closer to a recession, dragged down by the crippling debt problems of the 17 countries that use the euro, official figures showed Tuesday. Eurostat, Europe's statistics agency, revealed that the economies of the eurozone and the EU shrank by a quarterly rate of 0.2 percent in the second quarter of the year. In the first quarter, output for both regions was flat. A recession is officially defined as two straight quarters of falling output. (AP)

an media outlets have a name for them: "economic suicides." Surveys are showing increasing signs of mental stress: a jump in the use of anti-depressants and illicit drugs, a rise in depression and anxiety among workers and an increase in the use of sick leave.

"People are more and more uncertain about their future, which is leading to a sharp rise in mental health problems," said Maria Nyman of Brussels-based Mental Health Europe.

As the financial crisis in Europe enters its third year, experts and public health groups are warning that mental health problems are reaching a crisis point and that the situation is going to get worse as austerity takes effect.

The rise in mental health issues is affecting people's physical health and becoming a drag on European economies, said Matt Muijen of the World Health Organization.

"The recovery of the European economies is dependent on the mental health of the population," Muijen said.

The trend has alarmed mental health providers because suicide was so rare in the past. While comprehensive suicide statistics for Europe lag by a year or two, smaller studies show the trend might be accelerating.

Greece's national depression and suicide hotline saw a 40 percent increase in calls from 2010 to 2011 and reported that the majority seeking help had problems including the loss of a job or an inability to cover living costs.

At a time when the need for such a service is increasing, public sector help has been reduced. According to the Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health, the cuts have affected people's ability to get the help they need.

ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Grim Toll in Crisis

Suicides spurred on by years of financial anguish in Europe are steadily rising

Athens, Greece

Antonis Perris, a musician unemployed for more than two years, was desperate. Perris wrote in an online forum late one night that he had run out of money to buy food and cursed those responsible for the economic crisis in Greece. "I have no solution in front of me," he typed.

The next day, Perris took the hand of his ailing 90-year-old mother. They climbed to the roof of their apartment building and leapt to their deaths.

The double suicide in Athens in late May is one of thousands this year that have shaken European societies as mounting job losses, cuts to public services and shrinking government pensions take a toll on mental health.

So many people have been killing themselves and leaving behind notes citing financial hardship that Europe-

Alarming Trend

Europe's upward trend in suicides began in 2008, when the eurozone entered a recession. Researchers reported last year that suicides rose from 2007 to 2009 in nine of the 10 countries they studied. Now, the suicides are starting to trigger public outcry. (TWP)



Greece: In the country's fifth year of recession, suicides have sparked violent protests between police and those opposing austerity who have held the victims up as martyrs. The number of suicides rose 19 percent from 2007 to 2009, researchers reported last year.



Italy: The death of such entrepreneurs as builder Giuseppe Campaniello, who set himself on fire outside a government tax office in Bologna on March 28 after his company collapsed, has triggered demonstrations by widows of businessmen who have committed suicide.



Ireland: Citizens are jumping off quays in Dublin, Cork and Limerick in such alarming numbers, the mobile telephone company Vodaphone volunteered to give up the stadium advertising space it bought at soccer and hurling games for a suicide prevention campaign.

2 to 3x

Studies have estimated that individuals with employment difficulties are two to three times more likely to commit suicide than the population as a whole. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last year that suicides increased during periods of economic stress, including the Great Depression, the oil crisis of the 1970s and the double-dip recession of the 1980s. (TWP)

"IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, THERE IS A LOT OF ANGER AND SADNESS, AND YOU WILL FIND A LOT OF PEOPLE READY TO DO THE SAME THING."

— VANGELIS YANOS, 55, WHOSE PENSION WAS CUT IN HALF OVER THE PAST YEAR, SAID HE KNOWS MANY GREEKS IN THE SAME SITUATION AS HIS NEIGHBOR IN ATHENS WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Sports

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Changing How We Watch Sports

I don't have the numbers to prove this, but my hunch is that more women watched the Olympics over the past two weeks than typically watch sports during the rest of the year.

I know for a fact that media coverage — perhaps not coincidentally — of



By Matt Swenson

female athletes jumped dramatically from the week before the London Games. Jumped from where?

Women had their time to shine in London, and Gabrielle Douglas, Missy Franklin, Allyson

Felix, Claressa Shields and the like are now stars. Some see this as the climax of 40 years of Title IX, which helped the fairer sex gain a measure of equality in athletics. Could a sports television revolution be next?

Men's sports dominate media coverage. But does it have to be that way?

My wife argues that women generally don't have the time or the interest to get caught up in the monotony of a long season such as baseball's.

The Olympics offer two weeks of thrills, complete with great human-interest storylines. The rest of the time, men's sports dominate media coverage. But does it have to be that way?

The women's soccer team proved in the World Cup and the Olympics to be arguably more popular with all audiences than its male counterpart.

If the demand is there, a change in the culture seems possible. The more women in the TV audience, the sooner it will happen.

On-the-field change took decades, and it might be the same for ancillary fields. It just has to start somewhere.

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Already a Leader

RGIII impresses his teammates with poise in first training camp

The Redskins

As a veteran of nine NFL training camps, Redskins tight end Chris Cooley has seen rookies come and go. All have behaved in some way or another like typical newbies — a little tentative, a bit awe-struck, usually deferential to the team's established way of doing things.

All but two. Sean Taylor and Robert Griffin III.

As Griffin wraps up his first NFL camp this week, the No. 2 overall draft pick from Baylor has shown that he's talented and has lots to learn. No surprise there.

What's impressed teammates most has been his poise. The Redskins brass has wrapped him tightly inside a media bubble — many athletes at the Olympics were more accessible — but he hardly needs it, not the way he carries himself.

"It's a phenomenon that he's come in and not been a rookie," Cooley said Monday of the quarterback. "I thought I could play, but I came as a rookie with big eyes, and maybe the only guy I've seen do that, what he's kind of done and say, 'I'm not going to be a rookie on this team' is Sean Taylor."

The late Taylor was an immense-talented safety with a nobody-can-intimidate-me persona, but he also had his share of off-field problems and never had a good relationship with the media.

Griffin, by contrast, gets close to a perfect score for style points: He

"No one looks at him as a rookie. You don't see young players come in and say 'This is my team.'"

— CHRIS COOLEY, ON ROBERT GRIFFIN III'S CONFIDENCE IN HIS FIRST TRAINING CAMP



What, No Superman? Can't get enough of Robert Griffin III? Check out all those action figures in his locker. The Redskins opened their locker room to reporters for the first time Tuesday, revealing an RGIII cubbyhole with six figurines, including Spider-Man, the Incredible Hulk, an extra-muscular version of Captain America and, of course, a Baylor Bear. (AP)

smiles in front of the cameras and says the right things, with barely a whiff of controversy.

"I've never seen doubt in that kid's mind," Cooley said.

That's a strong statement, and a couple of plays in Griffin's first pre-season game last week at Buffalo show why there's so much promise and so little doubt.

Under Wraps

The Redskins have heavily invested in **Robert Griffin III** to end their run of last-place finishes, and they have cocooned their prized possession as best they can. Griffin speaks to reporters just once a week, with no off-the-podium questions allowed. He's the only player who gets an escort when he walks over to fans after practice to sign autographs. Security even stands guard when he relaxes on the bench behind Redskins Park with his fiancée. It seems a bit much for a player who won the Heisman Trophy and embraces his relationship with the public and the media. Coach Mike Shanahan said players such as Griffin need such an arrangement so they can "concentrate on their job." (AP)

Forget the raw stats — 4 for 6 for 70 yards and a touchdown — Griffin had two plays that showed his rapid maturation: an audible to get out of a quarterback keeper when he noticed weakside pressure, and a completion in which he went to his fourth read without a thought of pulling the ball down to run. Showing he has the lingo down pat, he said the play worked because: "We high-looked the back-side hook player."

"You can be confident; you can never be overconfident," Griffin said. "And I think the experience in the Buffalo game kind of reassured myself, reassured everybody else why they brought me here." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Nationals, Orioles Battle Over TV Deal

Washington fights for a larger share of the cut from MASN

The Nationals

Since baseball returned to D.C. in 2005, the Nationals and Baltimore Orioles have tried to develop a rivalry on the field, even as — until this season — both languished at the bottom of the standings. But off the field, a more important, and far more bitter, dispute rages over the Nationals' television rights and how much they are now worth.

As part of an agreement to appease Baltimore owner Peter Angelos when the Montreal Expos

moved south, the Orioles control those rights — an arrangement unique in professional sports that essentially gives a franchise 45 miles to the north a say in how much the Nationals have to spend on virtually every aspect of their organization.

The Nationals now sit in first place in the National League East with the best record in all of baseball, and the two teams are deeply divided over the amount of TV money the Nats should be paid. It has also called attention to their unusual television partnership with another club, and whether the Nationals could get a higher fee on the open market.

"To have a potential revenue source this important for a local

WashingtonPost.com



Orioles owner Peter Angelos says his team's territory reaches past D.C. and into Virginia — a position that is at the

root of the MASN TV rights dispute. For more on the Nats-O's saga, see washingtonpost.com/sports.

team being run through another entity has got to be very concerning because you can't always control your own destiny," said David Carter, the executive director of the University of Southern California's Sports Business Institute.

The Nationals are asking for between \$100 million and \$120 mil-

lion a year, a least three times the \$29 million they received from the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network last season, according to a person familiar with the negotiations. MASN proposed paying \$34 million this season, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

With the two sides far apart, a panel composed of representatives of three other teams has been charged with reaching a settlement. The talks have dragged on for months and have already missed two deadlines for a resolution.

When asked at last month's All-Star Game for when he wanted the issue resolved, baseball commissioner Bud Selig replied, "a month ago." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (3:30 P.M., MASN2)

Stephen Strasburg pitches for the Nats in their series finale against the San Francisco Giants.

ORIOLES (9 P.M., MASN) The O's and Boston Red Sox play again.

PRO BASEBALL (7 P.M., ESPN)

More of the New York Yankees-Texas Rangers series in the Bronx.

SOCCER (7:30 P.M., ESPN2) The U.S. men's national team shoots for its first win in Mexico during an exhibition match.

SOCCER (7 P.M., NBCSN) The star-studded Los Angeles Galaxy visit the Columbus Crew in a Major League Soccer contest.

SOFTBALL (10 P.M., ESPN2) The Little League World Series title game.

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Sports

Border Run

How the U.S. is prepping for a friendly in Mexico

The U.S. men's national soccer team returns to action Wednesday with a friendly (term used lightly) against heated rival Mexico at the storied Estadio Azteca in Mexico City. The U.S. men have never won on Mexican soil (0-23-1), and coach Jurgen Klinsmann is turning to a more MLS- and Mexico-based group of players with less experience than usual to try to get the job done. Here is a closer look at the U.S. approach for the first meeting between the two teams since Klinsmann's first game in charge — a 1-1 draw in Philadelphia last August:



Regulars Left Behind

With the FIFA international fixture date coinciding with the

start of a number of leagues around Europe and some of the top U.S. players either sorting out their club situations or battling minor injuries, it was not practical to call in plenty of the regulars who make up the "A" squad. As a result, the likes of captain **Carlos Bocanegra** (above), Clint Dempsey, Jozy Altidore, Michael Bradley and Steve Cherundolo will sit out this rivalry bout.

Opportunity Arises

With Klinsmann expanding his roster pool for this match, a few players will get their first look at the international level in an intense atmosphere. San Jose Earthquakes right back Steven Beitashour and Sporting Kansas City center back Matt Besler are in for a trial by fire in front of an expected sellout crowd at the 104,000-seat mecca of Mexican soccer. They'll go up against the likes of Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez, Andres Guardado and Pablo Barrera, a trio of stars who helped Mexico capture the CONCACAF Gold Cup last summer.

DCU Left Hanging

D.C. United's Chris Pontius, right, and Bill Hamid are two MLS players thought to be on the forefront of the national team radar, but both were excluded from the 23-man roster even though 10 MLS players were called upon. Despite Klinsmann's assertion Sunday that Pontius was next in line among the forwards, he went and added veteran San Jose forward Alan Gordon as a last-minute addition Sunday night. The coach said Pontius was next in line should an injury arise. Hamid was passed over in favor of Real Salt Lake veteran and former D.C. United goalkeeper Nick Rimando and Chicago Fire youngster Sean Johnson, who teamed with Hamid on the U.S. Under-23 team that failed to qualify for the Olympics.

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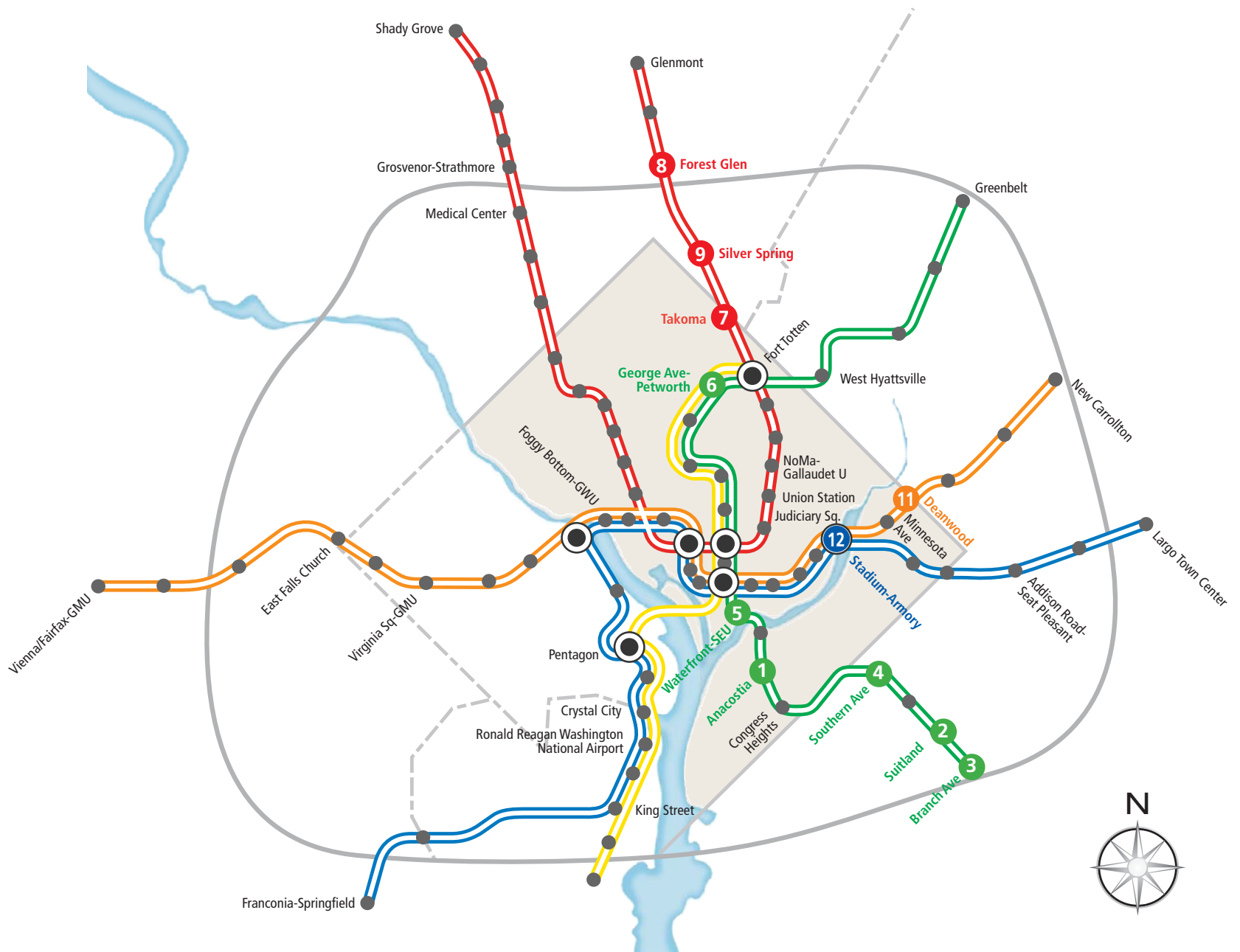
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Inside Jokes



The Running Mate

Now that we know who Mitt Romney's running mate is, it's time to address the more pressing matter at hand: Who will play Paul Ryan on "Saturday Night Live"?

Politics — presidential elections especially — is where "SNL" is supposed to shine. (Tina Fey's Emmy-winning Sarah Palin, Will Ferrell's



By Rudi Greenberg

George W. Bush, Darrell Hammond's Bill Clinton, etc.)

Since Barack Obama was elected, however, "SNL's" political sketches have been less than memorable. Fred

Armisen's Obama is as stale as it was on day one. And there isn't much to say about Jason Sudeikis' Joe Biden or Romney except that they exist.

With Sudeikis (assuming he decides to return to the show) as Romney, that leaves just two cast members who could conceivably play Ryan: Bill Hader or Taran Killam.

Both are ace impressionists, but Hader has the edge, based on looks and seniority. Plus, he'd be more likely to take Ryan to weird, dark places. On the other hand, Killam does share Ryan's doe-eyed, all-American appeal.

Alas, in this race, there can only be one winner, and I vote for Hader. He's more than earned his spot on the "Saturday Night Live" campaign trail.

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Jennifer Garner, left; CJ Adams, center; and Joel Edgerton, right, star in "The Odd Life of Timothy Green."

Miracle Grow

A couple dream up a son in 'The Odd Life of Timothy Green'

Film Review

The title character of "The Odd Life of Timothy Green," Disney's two-plot weeper about a mysterious 10-year-old boy who pops up in the backyard of a childless couple, is indeed odd. Covered with mud — the result of the fact that he has seemingly crawled out of the family's cabbage patch — he's also marked by a disturbing deformity: leaves sprouting from his lower legs.

Odder still is this: The people whom Timothy (CJ Adams) almost immediately starts calling "Mom" and "Dad" (Jennifer Garner and Joel Edgerton) react in pretty much the same way as someone who's just

found a stray cat. They start raising him as their own, without so much as a glance at Missingkids.com.

Never mind that Timothy, by all evidence, seems to have been wished into existence by his unofficial adoptive parents. Unable to conceive, Cindy and Jim Green stay up late the night before Timothy's arrival, drinking red wine, writing down all the qualities they want in a child, and then planting the scraps of paper in a box in the garden.

Sense of humor? Check. Big heart? Check. Artistically gifted? Check. Talk about a dream child.

Directed with an appropriately light touch by Peter ("Pieces of April") Hedges — who also wrote the screenplay — the movie goes down easily enough, considering its far-fetched premise. Garner and Edgerton bring an earnest likabili-



The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG)

► **Director:** Peter Hedges

► **Stars:** Jennifer Garner, Joel Edgerton and CJ Adams, above

► **In a Nutshell:** A childless couple bury in their backyard a box containing all of their wishes for an infant. Soon, a child is born, though Timothy Green is not all that he appears.

► **For Fans of:** "August Rush," "Big," "Ruby Sparks"

Anyone with an expectation of reality, or an aversion to mawkish melodrama, should probably stay home.

ty to their parts. And Adams has a winning smile and plentiful screen presence. Still, it might help if you have a glass or two of Merlot yourself before entering the theater. Anyone with an expectation of reality, or an aversion to mawkish melodrama, should probably stay home.

In short order, Timothy starts transforming the lives of those he encounters and dispensing lessons in humility, hope, happiness and honesty, teaching by example, like a mini-Messiah. Soon, he's even got a little girlfriend (Odeya Rush, who looks like she's six years his senior). He also demonstrates the strange ability to conjure sunshine through the clouds, merely by spreading his arms and gazing heavenward.

In truth, however, the stance is less Christ-like than tree-like. Remember those leaves? As autumn rolls around, Timothy's foliage starts turning color and falling off, with ominously increasing frequency. Without giving too much away, it's a broad hint at a less than happy ending.

Ultimately, the film's quirky, fairy-tale-like center is so coated with sugar, it cloy. The real problem with "Timothy Green" isn't that it's odd, but that it isn't odd enough. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN**

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



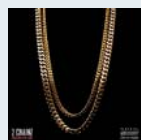
Losing 'Stripes': Archbishop Desmond Tutu and eight other Nobel Peace Prize winners are speaking out against NBC's "Stars Earn Stripes." In a letter to NBC, they argue that the series treats military maneuvers like athletic events and glorifies war. The show, hosted by retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark, left, pairs celebrities with inactive U.S. military personnel for simulated military challenges. The letter calls for NBC to stop airing the series. (AP)

Chainz Reaction

The rapper famous for his neckwear has mainstream appeal

Album Review

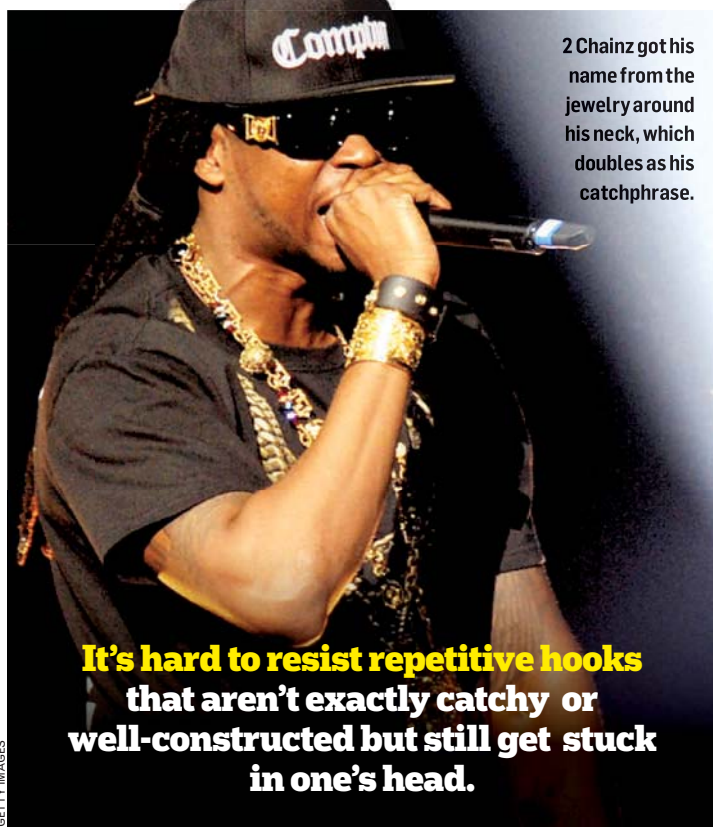
Georgia rapper 2 Chainz punctuates his music by shouting his name — “Two Chayyyynz!” — and listeners have taken to doing the same thing. Not since legendary hype-man Flavor Flav has the rap world produced a character as famous for a moniker that does double duty as an irresistible exclamation and what he wears around his neck.



2 Chainz

Based on a T.R.U. Story

2 Chainz has been around for some time, but he has received a burst of new interest in the past year or so. He has had a couple of monster singles (instant club classics “Spend It” and “Riot”) and dropped popular, charismatic guest verses on Nicki Minaj’s “Beez in the Trap” and G.O.O.D. Music’s “Birthday Song,” with Kanye West, Pusha T and Big Sean. The rapper’s debut studio album, “Based on a T.R.U. Story,” serves as a master class in mainstream hip-hop success.



2 Chainz got his name from the jewelry around his neck, which doubles as his catchphrase.

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It's hard to resist repetitive hooks that aren't exactly catchy or well-constructed but still get stuck in one's head: “Imma start a riot, Imma start a riot” from “Riot” and “I got cr'nack/ Yeah, I got cr'nack,” from “Crack.”

2 Chainz does deliver some clever punch lines. On “Extremely

Blessed,” he says, “Different day, different escapades/ They don't like it they opinions like Escalades/ Everybody got one.” Lines like those go a long way toward silencing talk that the 2 Chainz empire is built solely on a catchphrase and a couple of chains — although those things don't hurt.

SARAH GODFREY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



The members of Blackberry Smoke wear Southern pride on their sleeves.

Southern Rock Will Rise Again

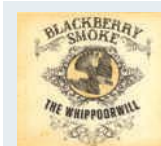
Album Review

You know it's not a strong time for Southern rock when its most famous current purveyor is a rapper from Detroit. Kid Rock longs to be the genre's flag-bearer, but when he flies the stars and bars, it's with a heavy-handed sense of pandering.

Blackberry Smoke is a band that can reclaim Southern rock for the South. The Georgia quintet is the right mixture of long hair, short fuse, gritty realism and country charm, with songs that shift between rollicking boogie and introspective balladry. The band's third album, “The Whippoorwill,” contains enough signifiers to let listeners know this

is a down-home Dixie affair but easily escapes self-parody.

Singer Charlie Starr's small-town portraits offer the most poignant and effective moments. “One



Blackberry Smoke

The Whippoorwill

Horse Town” and “Ain't Much Left of Me” feature protagonists coming to terms with the decisions they've made (“I'm an old married man at the age of 23/ Got two little boys on the baseball team”) without any tidy solutions or happy endings. It's a reflection of reality that resonates.

DAVID MALITZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Today's Top Stops

COMPILED BY FIONA ZUBLIN



1 Red Dirt Girl

Emmylou Harris has a voice that can lift your heart or break it in two. Harris first grabbed a lot of ears as ex-Flying Burrito Brother Gram Parsons' duet partner on their 1974 cover of the Everly Brothers' “Love Hurts.” The nearly 40 years since have won her 12 Grammys. She's touring on her latest disc, 2011's “Hard Bargain,” but expect to hear all eras of Emmylou tonight. **Wolf Trap, Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; Wed., 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$45; 703-255-1868, Wolftrap.org.**

2 Uke Can Do It

We're actually shocked that Strathmore's annual Ukefest doesn't do a luau theme every year, but they finally got around to it. If you have your own ukulele, you can bring it along. Cheap ukes will also be for sale at the show. A variety of performers will strum on stage, and the audience will be invited to play along in between bites of barbecue. **Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; Wed., 7 p.m., free; 301-581-5100, Strathmore.org. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)**

3 No Mistaking That Voice



Journalism is sexy. At least when Kathleen Turner is involved. Turner, who plays late columnist Molly Ivins in a one-woman show at Arena Stage, hits the Newseum for “An Evening With Kathleen Turner.” She'll appear with one of the play's authors to discuss the role and, if you're lucky, life as Jessica Rabbit. **Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Wed., 6 p.m., \$20; 888-639-7386, Newseum.org. (Archives)**

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Best Bets

USA
9:00

Royal Pains A Drug Enforcement Administration agent working undercover at an exotic car rally seeks Hank's (Mark Feuerstein, right) help when she experiences symptoms that look like meth toxicity.



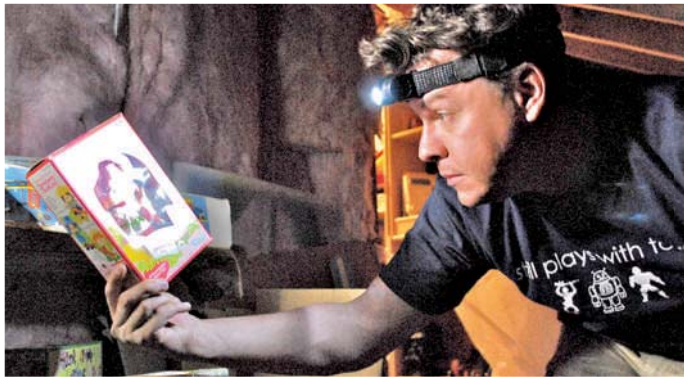
A&E
9:00

Storage Wars Texas This season, Ricky and Bubba plot to expand their franchise across the Lone Star State, and a new buyer, Jenny Grumbles, enters the fray, using her Southern wits to turn old furniture into massive payouts. The season premiere finds the buyers in the resort town of Mineral Wells.

USA
10:01



Necessary Roughness While treating a professional video gamer, Dani (Callie Thorne, left) discovers that being broken up with Matt has its benefits. As the Hawks' training camp ends, Matt and Coach try to decide who will make the final cut. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



TRAVEL

Never Stop Playing

TOY HUNTER

TRAVEL
10:00

Host Jordan Hembrough, above, drives up and down the Garden State Parkway in search of childhood keepsakes he can buy and quickly flip. He and the collectors he meets are quasi-experts on their artifacts, which are mostly dolls and models licensed from popular franchises. The show is either a nostalgic delight or a nerdy paradise, depending on your point of view. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Games



Don't 'Sit' Still

The CW debuts "Oh Sit!" (8 p.m.), a new series hosted by Jamie Kennedy, above, and based on the game musical chairs. Contestants play the game (with some extra wrinkles) at a furious pace accompanied by live music. (UU)

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Leaving A Legacy Of Travel

Increasingly, relatives are willing trusts to heirs to see the world

Family

Lee Liebman and her family took a \$6,000 vacation this year that didn't cost them a dime, thanks to a relative's last wishes.

Whether it's trying to make sure their children stay in touch despite geographical distances or wanting them to become acquainted with family roots in another country, some people are deciding that travel should be a part of their legacy.

"Despite the economy, this is the first generation of people passing away with substantial wealth," said Avi Kestenbaum, a trust and estate specialist with the New York-based law firm Meltzer Lippe Goldstein & Breistone. He estimated he's set up 10 travel-related trusts in the past 15 years, while other clients have given instructions verbally or in a nonlegal written "wish list."

The trend has even prompted a travel agency and a law firm to partner together this summer to start offering one-stop-shopping for trust creation and travel planning.

"You could give them money and they could go and buy a new car with it, or you could give them this and they can use it to create

Some who bequeath money for travel want their offspring to connect with their heritage, culture or religion.

memories," said Jim Bendt, president of Travel Beyond of Minneapolis, who advises there may also be tax advantages to setting up a trust that encourages travel.

Margaret Cronin, a partner with the law firm Leonard, Street and Deinard, also of Minneapolis, said these trusts might provide other benefits as well.

"If you give a child a big inheritance outright, it's exposed to their creditors, to their divorces," she said. A trust is "absolutely something that people should consider."

Some who bequeath money for travel want their offspring to connect with their heritage, culture or religion. They might go so far as to require the beneficiary to study or take courses in a particular country. Other trusts encourage travel with a philanthropic twist; for instance, the inheritance would

need to be used for volunteer work in Africa.

In Liebman's case, her in-laws realized that with two daughters living in Israel and one son in the United States, the cost of plane tickets might prevent their children and grandchildren from visiting one another.

At a family dinner in 2000, her father-in-law, an academic in his 60s, announced that once a year, he and his wife would pay up to \$800 per passenger should one family be inclined to visit another, "and it will hold true even in the event that one of us passes away," Liebman recalled. Four years later, he died unexpectedly.

So far, the money has been used by his children for five family celebrations, three in Israel and two in the United States. For Liebman, the money has had a very positive effect. In the past dozen years, the family has expanded, and the interaction and shared experiences at the family get-togethers means "there has been a new level of connection made."

"It was really money well spent," she said. KAREN SCHWARTZ (AP)



Political Peddling: Forget symbols of elephants and donkeys.

Some residents of Charlotte, N.C., and Tampa, Fla. are hoping to make a quick buck by renting out their homes during the Democratic and Republican national conventions, asking for rents ranging from \$7,000 to \$20,000 a week. Charlotte and Tampa officials say they have enough hotel and motel rooms to handle the crowds. But some listed their homes just in case. (AP)

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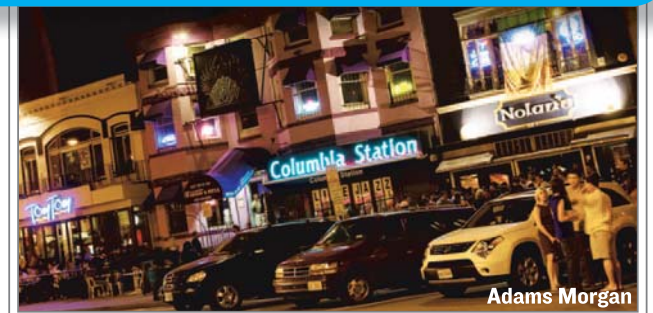
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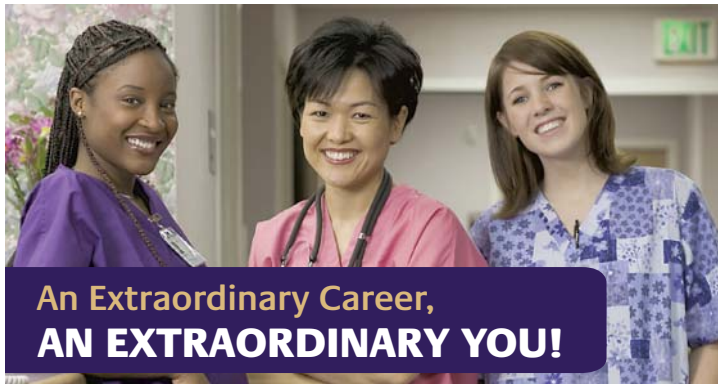
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 “I LOVE Kelly Clarkson. And I could not love her more, or so I thought ... then she rocked this ‘Lose Yourself’ in Detroit. No fear. Love it.”

— **BAILEY AT DC101.COM** rocked out to a video on YouTube of the pop singer’s concert at the DTE Energy Music Theatre, where Clarkson covered the Eminem song last Friday.

▲
 “Happy birthday Tim Tebow. My wish for you?? That you will FINALLY get some coverage by the media.”

— **@ROFLOESPN**, an anchor at ESPN, facetiously tweets about the New York Jets quarterback on his 25th birthday Tuesday.

▲
 “This photo was not Photoshopped. It was snapped ... while Obama was speaking in Iowa’s Bayliss Park Tuesday. Probably the part in the speech where Obama told the crowd, ‘Can Paul Ryan do this? Didn’t think so.’”

— **DAN AMIRA OF NYMAG.COM/DAILY/INTEL** marvels at the strange but true picture taken by the AP’s Carolyn Kaster of President Obama during a campaign speech in the Hawkeye State.

▲
 “Even though I’m comfortable with my body, I still hate buying jeans. It can be such a demoralizing experience. But I try to remember that I also hated buying jeans when I was 20lbs lighter and three sizes smaller, so it’s the task, not the body.”

— **CAPHILLSTYLE.COM** reminds people, in time for back-to-school shopping, that “trying on twenty pair can be an emotional grind,” but it can be worth it.

▲
 “RIP Ron Palillo. Horshack ruled. I also loved him in Friday the 13th VI.”

— **@HCNOEL** mourns the death of Ron Palillo, who played a member of the Sweathogs on the ’70s sitcom “Welcome Back, Kotter.” He was 63.

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Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your admiration for someone who has been in your shoes will compel you to do things in a valid, though not necessarily original, way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're trying to relive something that really wasn't all it's been cracked up to be — and, deep down, you know this is so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll find yourself running neck and neck with some fierce competitors — and you have what it takes to pull ahead at the last minute.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll be able to progress according to plan, but certain unexpected subtleties will surely keep things interesting for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may worry that you're not putting enough into certain aspects of a project, but the big picture is important now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be growing tired of doing everything you can to further someone else's agenda and bring to life his or her vision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll encounter more surprises than you can count, and fortunately only one or two will have a significant, direct impact on you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You know what people want to hear, but you're not really interested in saying it now. Being true to yourself is more important.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have only a certain amount of time available to you today, and you have a great deal to do with it. Be sure to prioritize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What you want may carry a high price. Are you really ready to fork over so much for something about which there are so many questions?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You've been trying to get in touch with your feelings — but they've not been out of reach. You know what's going on inside at all times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be misinterpreting certain signals; what's really going on may shock you at first — and then please you in unexpected ways.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 155-165, BEST SCORE 223

A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	K ₅	C ₃	T ₁
A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	O ₁	M ₃	G ₂	D ₂
A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	Y ₄	M ₃	C ₃	D ₂
E ₁	I ₁	I ₁	K ₅	L ₁	N ₁	F ₄

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

3rd Letter Triple

Double Word Score

Yesterday's Solution

C ₃	A ₁	D ₂	A ₁	V ₄	E ₁	R ₁	RACK 1 =	89
F ₄	O ₁	R ₁	B ₃	I ₁	D ₂		RACK 2 =	12
P ₃	R ₁	E ₁	N ₁	O ₁	O ₁	N ₁	RACK 3 =	59
A ₁	V ₄	O ₁	C ₃	A ₁	D ₂	O ₁	RACK 4 =	67
PAR SCORE 150-160								TOTAL
								227

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6	9		1	7	5			
			8		2			9
	1				6	5		
9		6				4		7
				2				
5		2				6		3
		5	2				4	
1			5		7			
			9	1	8		5	2

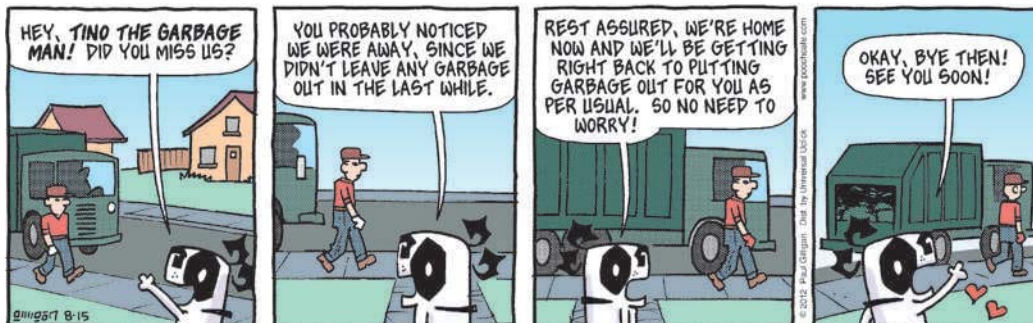
Yesterday's Solution

7	2	5	6	3	9	1	4	8
8	9	6	5	1	4	2	3	7
4	3	1	7	8	2	5	6	9
1	4	8	9	6	3	7	5	2
3	5	9	1	2	7	4	8	6
2	6	7	4	5	8	9	1	3
6	8	4	2	7	1	3	9	5
9	7	3	8	4	5	6	2	1
5	1	2	3	9	6	8	7	4

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast

88 **70**

Today: A thunderstorm today; fog in the morning. Partly cloudy tonight.

89 **71**

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

FRI	SAT	SUN
92	71	82
66	83	65

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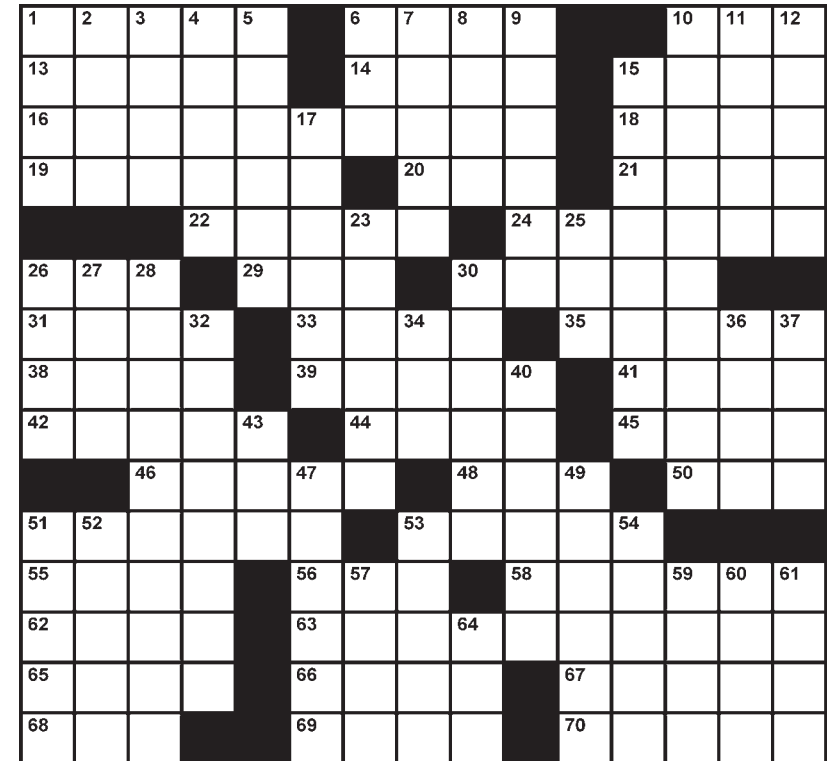
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Crossword

MISFITS?

ACROSS

- 1 Some turns
- 6 Nonprofit situation
- 10 In the doldrums
- 13 Not oblivious
- 14 It gives the orchestra an A
- 15 Mammal whacked in an arcade game
- 16 Not quite tops
- 18 Found the ground
- 19 Mild earthquake
- 20 Five-centime piece of old
- 21 Warm and friendly
- 22 Annoyingly proper one
- 24 Play to the crowd
- 26 Unforgettable time for historians
- 29 Cloak-and-dagger figure
- 30 "Poly" attachment
- 31 Corned beef seller
- 33 "National Velvet" author Bagnold
- 35 Make like Mount St. Helens
- 38 Broadway's "____ Yankees"
- 39 Dressy Indian wraps
- 41 Persian Gulf bigwig
- 42 "Hi" or "bye" on Lanai
- 44 Prefix for "physics" or "physical"
- 45 Act the loving grandparent
- 46 Round of fire, as a salute
- 48 USN rank
- 50 Bread variety
- 51 Churchill's successor and predecessor
- 53 It's pulled on a dairy farm
- 55 Musical passage
- 56 Sprinted
- 58 Takes into one's family
- 62 "Once ____ a midnight dreary ..."
- 63 Remake of an old standard
- 65 Fairground shelter
- 66 Certain cookie with filling
- 67 Roadster maker
- 68 Previously, in lit. class
- 69 Signs an agreement?



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70 Step inside

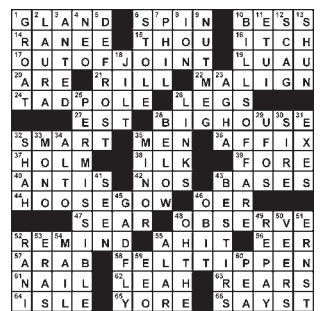
DOWN

- 1 Hang in there
- 2 Pretty pitcher
- 3 Stand before
- 4 Defeat decisively
- 5 Mexican misters
- 6 Soft throw
- 7 Way past plump
- 8 Not bad, not good
- 9 Deliberate traps
- 10 Might be gold to tabloids
- 11 Carroll's adventuress
- 12 Discourage
- 15 Word with "ill" or "mild"
- 17 Stone fruits
- 23 Human powerhouse
- 25 Had a little something
- 26 Collection of Old Norse

- 27 Not artificial
- 28 "I'll be finished in a minute"
- 30 Made typo-free
- 32 Asthmatic's aid
- 34 Wrath
- 36 Sympathetic feeling
- 37 Cherry, for one
- 40 It may be strapped on at the beach
- 43 Choice in a pub
- 47 Mt. ____, George Washington's home
- 49 Cool and collected
- 51 Not chronic, as illness
- 52 Serious drinker
- 53 Not yet hitched
- 54 Cleveland Indians legend Al

- 57 Sol's opening
- 59 "C'mere!"
- 60 Square on a floor
- 61 Injury memento
- 64 Variety of lettuce

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1914 The Panama Canal opens to traffic.

1969 The Woodstock Music and Arts Festival opens in upstate New York.

1998 Twenty-nine people are killed by a car bomb that tears apart the center of Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA would claim responsibility.

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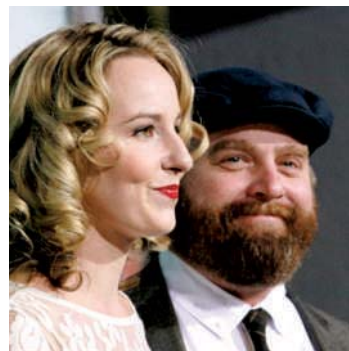
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people **lookout****ALLEGIANCE****Kennedy Loyalty Oath Takes Form of Hit Single**

Taylor Swift released her new single, "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together," on Monday. The song will appear on the album "Red." "I called it 'Red' because of the tumultuous, crazy adventures in love and loss that it chronicles," Swift said in a statement. The singer has dated Joe Jonas, Taylor Lautner, Jake Gyllenhaal and John Mayer and is now dating Conor Kennedy. (EXPRESS)

JOURNALISM**Unclear if Source Means Wedding or Wedding Night**

Zach Galifianakis, 42, and Quinn Lundberg, 29, married on a farm in Vancouver, Canada, on Saturday, Usmagazine.com reported. "It was super private and intimate and only lasted about 30 minutes," said an unnamed source. "Everyone was out by 5 p.m." The reception was held at a Vancouver restaurant. Lundberg runs the nonprofit Growing Voices. (EXPRESS)



Don't scoff. He makes her laugh!

**ETERNAL LOVE****'Remember Our Line of Faux-Fur Thongs, Kanye?'**

Kim Kardashian told New York magazine that her and Kanye West's shared love of fashion will keep them together well into old age. "When this whole life is done, and it's just the two of us sitting somewhere when we're 80, you want to have things to talk about that you have in common," she said. "I think that's something maybe I didn't value as highly as a quality I cared about in someone." (EXPRESS)



Charlie or Martin? Can't tell? That's what smoking does to you, kids.

SIGH**#ithoughtthiswasover**

Charlie Sheen is tweeting again, TMZ.com reported. Sheen stopped tweeting July 13 after 16 months of colorful communications. ("Reach for the stars everyone. dogspeed cadre. c out" was his last post.) But, says an unnamed source, "he misses interacting with his fans." His first new tweet, from Tuesday: "It's on. My pop guest stars Thursday on Anger Management. Watch my dad show up as my dad 9:30p on FX. Best yet!!" (EXPRESS)

Random**For All You Smooth Jazz Fans Out There**

Kenny G is playing the final note on his marriage after 20 years. Court records show the musician filed for divorce Thursday in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences. The 56-year-old married Balyn-da Helene Benson-Gorelick in April 1992, and the former couple have a 14-year-old son. (AP)

"My biggest problem in life is I'm cheap and I didn't hire a publicist."



— **ROBERT PATTINSON** (WHO REALLY DOESN'T HAVE A PUBLICIST) VAGUELY ALLUDES TO THE KRISTEN STEWART SCANDAL ON "THE DAILY SHOW" MONDAY.



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